

## Parole Comparison Maine vs NH

|   | Maine <sup>1</sup>   | New Hampshire <sup>2</sup> |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| Total State Population 2025   | 1,415,740  | 1,422,700                  |
| Total State Prison Population   | 2,064 (current)  | 2,100 (2023)               |
| Imprisonment Rate per 100,000<br><small><a href="https://www.sentencingproject.org/research/us-criminal-justice-data/">https://www.sentencingproject.org/research/us-criminal-justice-data/</a></small> | 107  | 149                        |
| Total number of individuals serving parole  | 10 instate<br>70 interstate compact = 84   | 1,552 (2023-24)            |
| Application approval rate   | SCCP approval rate 2023-25 - 825 applications reviewed, 50 approved (approx. 6%) | 73% approval rate in 2023  |
| Number of residents released on parole (2023)   | 0  | 473                        |
| Number of residents eligible for parole (served minimum sentence length)  | 167 (current figure provided by MDOC ) under proposed bill                       | 648 (2023)                 |
| Total Annual Parole Budget  | \$5 million (fiscal note)  | \$400,000 annual           |

1. ME Data - Maine Department of Corrections.

2. NH prison data source - NH Adult Parole Board Budget Presentation November 12, 2024

***Rethinking Parole in Maine, Considering Economic Contributions of Parolees in the Context of Recent Trends in Maine's Labor Force.*** Colby Laboratory for Economic Studies, March 12, 2023 concluded -

*“According to our results, an increase in Maine's workforce of 100 employees spread equally across these five industries would result in approximately \$14.7 million in increased economic activity. Roughly 43 other jobs would be supported by this output through indirect and induced effects on Maine's economy.”*

This economic and work force boost is in addition to the cost savings of community supervision. Studies suggest the costs of parole are about 10-12% the cost of incarceration. Parole pays for itself many times over.

Thank-you for your consideration,  
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